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Applicants : YASUO INOHANA ET AL.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, having a period for response set to expire April 12, 2005, having been amended for one month so as to expire on May 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.